

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 are pending.

In an Office Action dated April 4, 2001, the Office rejects pending claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,583,560 to Florin et al. (hereinafter, "Florin"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,008,836 to Bruck et al. (hereinafter, "Bruck") (*Office Action* p.2).

The Office recognizes that Florin does not disclose:

"displaying the primary display screen on a television through a web browser program", as recited in independent claims 1 and 33 (*Office Action* pp. 2 and 6, respectively);

"displaying the primary display screen through a web browser program", as recited in independent claims 20, 26, and 34-35 (*Office Action* pp. 4, 5, and 7 respectively);

"the primary display screen comprises a screen image displayed through an interactive display environment including World Wide Web content", as recited in independent claim 29 (*Office Action* p.6); or

"the primary display screen being displayed through a web browser program", as recited in independent claim 36 (*Office Action* p.7).

Thus, the Office cites Bruck for the recognized deficiencies of Florin. However, Bruck and the subject application were commonly owned by the same organization, WebTV Networks, Inc., at a time when the invention of the subject

1 application was made. Please refer to the copy of the assignment for Bruck which  
2 is included herewith, and the assignment for the subject application, both of which  
3 convey the entire rights in the applications to WebTV Networks, Inc.

4 The Continued Prosecution Application filed herewith provides that the  
5 subject application has a filing date after November 29, 1999. Accordingly, Bruck  
6 is disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention pursuant to  
7 35 U.S.C. §103(c) via 35 U.S.C. §102(e).


8 Additionally, the Office has cited during prosecution, but not relied upon,  
9 U.S. Patent No. 6,005,563 to White et al (hereinafter, "White"). White is also  
10 commonly owned by the same organization, WebTV Networks, Inc. A copy of  
11 the assignment for White is also included herewith to disqualify White as prior art  
12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 against the claimed invention.

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14 **Conclusion**

15 Pending claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 are in condition for allowance.  
16 Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues  
17 remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact  
18 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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